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BLOUNTVILLE RESIDENT WILLIAM JAMES LYON, IV INDICTED FOR RECEIPT AND POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

GREENEVILLE, Tenn-- A federal grand jury in Greeneville returned a three-count indictment on August 10, 2010, against William James Lyon, IV, 47, of Blountville, Tennessee, for receipt of child pornography, distribution of child pornography and possession of child pornography. Lyon appeared in court on August 16, 2010, before U.S. Magistrate Judge Dennis H. Inman and entered a plea of not guilty to the charges in the indictment. He was released on bond to home incarceration with electronic monitoring pending trial, which has been set for October 20, 2010, in United States District Court, in Greeneville, Tennessee.

The indictment alleges that in June 2010, and for at least the two years preceding, Lyon accessed the internet from his residences and downloaded images of minor children engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

If convicted, Lyon faces a term of a minimum of five years and up to 20 years in prison, a fine of up to \$250,000, and supervised release of a minimum of five years and up to life.

This indictment is the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorney J. Gregory Bowman will represent the United States.

Members of the public are reminded that an indictment constitutes only charges and that every person is presumed innocent until their guilt has been proven beyond a reasonable doubt.

This case was brought as part of Public Safe Childhood (PSC), a Department initiative launched in 2006 that aims to combat the proliferation of technology-facilitated sexual exploitation crimes against children. Led by U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the Department of Justice Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, PSC marshals federal, state, tribal and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information visit ProjectSafeChildhood.gov.

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